

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR MARINE HOSPITAL, NEW ORLEANS.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Additional estimates for the erection of a marine hospital at New Orleans.

AUGUST 5, 1856.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
August 4, 1856.

SIR: The law passed at the first session of the 33d Congress, and approved August 4, 1854, appropriating \$248,000 for the erection at New Orleans of a marine hospital of suitable size to accommodate the sick and disabled seamen arriving at that port, contains a clause prohibiting the application of any portion of the funds so appropriated, unless the sum shall be sufficient to complete the structure. To carry out the provisions of this law, I caused plans of a suitable building to be prepared, and invited bids for its construction. Proposals were received, and found to exceed the amount appropriated.

It is made my duty by the proviso to report the subject back to Congress, with such estimates as shall be found sufficient to complete the work. In compliance with the proviso, I have the honor to state that the lowest bids received for building the hospital of brick, (fire-proof,) and to secure a good foundation, exceed the appropriation \$151,659 20.

The lowest bid for a building exclusively of iron, and the expense of preparing a secure foundation, exceeds the appropriation by the sum of \$86,322 10.

Taking these bids as being as low as we probably shall receive, when the building is again offered for contract, we shall need the following additional amounts to complete it:

If built of brick and fire-proof.....	\$151,659 20
If built entirely of iron.....	86,322 10

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES GUTHRIE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. N. P. BANKS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

